By Blasts Set Off By LOCAL Post Office All Cluttered Up Burglars Who Fail to Open Strong Box But Make off With About \$600

Bill Ney Tells Graphic Story of His Encounter in Early Morning With Masked Bandit Who Covered Him With Ponderous Pristol.

Bill Ney, janitor of Stratford's post ce building, set his alarm clock for Tuttle block. Bill had just put coal where professional yeggmen got be-on the fire, and figured that the fire would be ready to shut off at 3:30. dressed sleepily but with care. He fumbled his way down the backstairs, in the rear of the postoffice. A packing box blocked his egress. He stoop-

tached thereto by an arm, was "a lit-tle weazened up guy with a cap pulled way down over his eyes," Bill says. A moment later "a long lanky fellow" appeared and gave Bill a careful upand-down. Nobody spoke. So bill went in and fixed the furnace.

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When he came out, the elongated and curtailed visitors were still present, and both covering Bill with business-like looking artillery. So Bill quietly retreated to his downy couch. He hadn't got back to bed when there was an explosion. Bill hadn't recovered from the shock, when there was another and louder blast.

"I thought to myself, then," said Bill, this noon, "that something was wrong. It came to me that maybe those two guys—the tall, lanky tillowand the little wearened up fellow that I'd seen down in the yard—were maybe trying to bint into the post office. So I went down stairs again.

"When I got to the foot of the stairs there was that same wearened up little guy with the same big re-

light had been turned out by then fight, I guess, and they tell me they got quite a boodie when they cracked the safe. But I ain't a cop and besides I didn't have a gun, so I couldn't

Bill Ney was right. The Stratford postoffice was robbed by a gang of regular yeggs—five in number, the police think. They left the inner strongbox unopened, as they did on their last previous visit on June 10. Early reports were that beand cash had been taken. The bur-glars got away after a pitched battle Policeman Rowe Wheeler.

"soup" when the entry of Stratford's police force interrupted their work and made a hasty and sudden exit necessary. Today Stratford officials tematizing of the work of the camwere waiting for experts to open the strongbox, because they didn't particularly care for monkeying with a nitro-glycerined safe. At noon they were still waiting for the arrival of a of election. It will be suggested to the cambridge of the work of the cambridge of the cambridge of the cambridge of the work of the cambridge of the cambridg

strangers in the lunchroom of George H. Bateman, president of the fire department, shortly before midnight last

ew York papers," said Mr. St. John day, "I noticed a couple of strangtoday. "I noticed a couple of strangers there, leaning on the counter. George was cooking something, and it took him so long that I got interested. "It was an omelet. I've been going in there for a year or more, and I Presence of Mind never noticed anybody ordering an omelet at midnight. First, I thought it was an order of scrambled eggs, but it was an omelet. When it was dy, one of the strangers he was little fellow walked away from the counter, and looked as if he didn't nk so much of the omelet. It was reched a bit, I guess, and omelets It was

by left soon after and this morning rolled under the wheels of the pon-I heard the post office was robbed-

Since Stratford has become sort of rendervous for post office cracks-(Continued on Page 2.)

THE WEATHER

Devon Jitney Driver Furnishes Clue to Fugitive-Ex-Convict Sought.

FOR CRACKSMEN

Police in Bridgeport and neighborng cities today bent their energies office huilding, set his alarm cock for 3:30 this morning, when he retired to seeking clues in the robbery this last midnight to his boudoir in the morning of the Stratford post office,

was accosted by a stranger near busy for several weeks. Beard's corner, early this morning. The stranger, a slim chap of 25 years, carried a suitcase. He asked Tompone of the longest biggest and bluest revolvers he says he's ever seen.

Just back of the revolver and attached thereto by an arm, was "a light of the revolver and attached thereto by an arm, was "a light of the revolver and attached thereto by an arm, was "a light of the revolver and attached thereto by an arm, was "a light of the revolver and attached thereto by an arm, was "a light of the revolver and attached thereto by an arm, was "a light of the revolver and attached thereto by an arm, was "a light of the revolver and attached thereto by an arm, was "a light of the revolver and attached thereto by an arm, was "a light of the revolver and attached thereto by an arm, was "a light of the revolver and attached thereto by an arm, was "a light of the revolver and attached the revolver an on the running board. As he alighted, he told Tompkins that the Stratford post office had been robbed. He headed for Milford after leaving the

The local police are looking for an escaped convict who fied an Illinois prison a month ago, and headed East. He was doing time for cracking post

being quoted at 12:18; March 12:45; May 12;67 and July 12:77.

MEET TO OUTLINE CAMPAIGN MONDAY

Hartford Dec. 11—The Democratic state central committee will meet at the Hartford club, Monday. The got away after a pitched battle members will lunch at 12:30 after Chief Allen Judson and State which a business meeting will be held. man Rowe Wheeler.

It is expected that all of the thirty strongbox was all primed with five districts in the state will be re-

were still waiting for the arrival of a couple of sleuths from Bridgeport's police department.

According to William H. St. John. Stratford's popular druggist, whose emporium is almost next door to the post office, he noticed a couple of post office, he noticed a couple of the routine organization work and strangers in the lunchroom of George of the suggested to the committee that a permanent of the Boxers. As a matter of fact, he was given credit for material assistance to the foreign-level for material assistance to the formation for material assistance to the foreign-level for material assistance to the formation for material assis on his own initiative to a certain ex-tent he will be vested with no power "Bridgeport Challenged." will be the than will conflict with the authority title of the sermon. Free copies of

of the state central committee, The plan proposed will provide for a ciercal force for headquarters. The "He has officials will be paid a salary suffi- laboratory and the article tells us clently large to allow him to devote what he has found," says the anworganization.

Of Truckman Saves Truckman From Death

Madison avenue, employed as a truck-man for a local concern, narrowly esorched a bit, I guess, and omelets caped being crushed to death at the orched a bit, I guess, and omelets terview avenue and Hallett street at a nature that Rev. George O. Tamber's good if they are scorched, you the truck and the truck and blyn has made the article the basis of the truck and the caped being crushed to death at Wa-

derous vehicle.

Cleary was thrown from the seat the close of the service. Mr. Tamble in Waterview avenue, which was not on a level with the roadway. He had presence of mind to roll under had presence of mind to roll under the center of the wagon and while that our city is facing problems now so doing the rear wheel of the truck passed over the right arm, bruising final influence will be most detri-

RED LIGHT BELT SCENE OF REAL **ESTATE SECRET**

Announcement of Abolition of Houses of Vice Discloses Big Deals.

HALF MILLION IN REALTY INVOLVED

Identity of Prospective Buyer is Not Revealed By Operators.

Real estate circles were in an uproar today when, for the first time, the fact was disclosed that almost simultaneously with order issued by the ad-ministration against the inhabitants of the Red Light district, it has been announced that options totalling \$120,-000 have been procured on property

With a suddenness that it startling, options that amount to more than one hundred thousand are made known while well informed real estate dealers assert that \$500,000 is nearer the correct figure.

The options, it would appear, were obtained while the property value was not changed by the prospect of evac-The summons of the alarm clock S. R. Tompkins, a jitney driver of uation by the Red Light district denpulled Bill from the hay at 3:20. He Devon, notified officials today that he izens. Would be purchasers have been Among the options taken on Main

street property alone are: Properties of G. Drouve, including the house at the northeast corner of Main and Tulip streets, the factory and storage buildings on Tulip extending to Water street; \$50,000. John Weldon property, 734-26 Main

Main street, fronting Tulip; \$20,000. Three-story apartment block, 668-70-72 Main street, northwest corner South

Little information could be gleaned today from those whose options had been granted. Mr. Drouve said: "I was approached recently by agents who asked me to set a figure on my der the circumstances. S5 BELOW HIGH

who asked me to set a figure on my property. I was told that improvements were contemplated in the district which has long been known as the Red Light section. I did not care to sell, but finally gave options on all the property I own in this section. I have not the least idea what is projected and did not know that other options had been taken in this district.

New York, Dec. 11—Without warning, except that the market for several days appears to have had rather an inactive tone, cotton prices sustained a violent drop this morning.

When I was asked me to set a figure on my property. I was told that improvements were contemplated in the district which has long been known as the foreigners in China as a coming the property I own in this section. I did not care to sell, but finally gave options on all the property I own in this section. The foreigners in China as a coming man.

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When I was asked this week to give when I got to the foot of the stairs there was that same wasmed up liftle guy with the same big revolver. He kepps looking right at me and that gun didn't budge an inch. If I made one false smyot, I guess he warry would have winged me. He didn't say a word, and notified did I I did soor there heavy of the first support of

time today, could not be reached by shown its weakness. It is generally telephone for possible elucidation. held that he assisted the Empress A. N. Dannenburg, of the Danneburg Realty Co., whose name was prominently mentioned in the gather-

ing of options in that section, seen at his office in the Warner building today, admitted procuring the options him governor of Shantung where, durenumerated by The Farmer. He refused to make public the locations of
other options procured. He further
refused to reveal the name or names (Continued on Page 2.)

AGAINST MAYOR IS SERMON SUBJECT

the report made by Mr. Potter will be "He has put Bridgeport into the

entire time to the work of the nouncement of the sermon. It follows

in the article written by Zenas L. Potter in The Survey of last week the city of Bridgeport. Mr. Potter is in the Department of Surveys and Exhibits of the Sage Foundation. The article therefore is not written from a political standpoint. The writer has no axe to grind. He has put Bridge-port into the laboratory and the article tells us what he has found. There ed from his seat on the truck and rolled under the wheels of the pon-

TO BE RULER

President of China Accepts Offer of Throne, Tendered Him By Council of State POLICE WILL HOLD After Canvass.

Vote Shows That Big Majority of Representatives in Parliament Are in Favor of Change.

Pekin, Dec. 11-Yuan Shi Kai, ecepted the throne of China, tended to him by the council of state. Acting as a parliament, the council of state today canvassed the vote on the question of a change in the form of the government to China to a monarchy and found that the votes of 1,993' representatives out of 2,043 qualified to vote on the proposition were favorable to the change.

The council of state immediately sent to Yuan Shi Kai a petition urging him to accept the throne. clined at first but when the petition was forwarded to him a second time he accepted, with the proviso that he would continue to act as president until a convenient time for the

In recent years Yuan Shi-kai has become the most conspicuous personality of the Orient through his efforts to bring his 400,000,000 fellow yellow men into line as citizens of the raw Republic of China. The task of turnstreet; \$20,000. ing this most ancient and backward George E. Edwards homes ead, on of kingdoms into a republic within whose confines there was a fifth of thew orld's inhabitants-a republic four times as large as the United enue; \$16,500; owned by La Croix & States-was obviously no easy one and the man who attempted it did not es-Three stores owned by La Croix & cape storms of criticism from those Anderson, 659 Main street; \$7,000. who held that he was a dictator, vir-

Dowager in effecting a coup d'etat in 1898 by which she wrested the throne from the Emperor Kuang Shu, and he for their fanaticism. He agreed to join the Boxer movement if its leaders would prove to him their contention that those of their sect were immune foreign bullets. He told them he had one of the foreign guns in his own and that if the leaders would meet him in his garden the next day he would stand them up against the wall and try the "foreign devils' mag-ic" on them. If the bullets did not hurt, Yuan would become a Boxer. So sublime was the faith of one leader that he submitted to the test, and, according to the story, fell dead at the first rifle bullet, which pierced his heart. Yuan Shi-kai was thus freed from any obligation to join the fan-

ager and the Emperor Kuang Hsu, almost coincidently, and possible each by poison at the hands of the other, the child emperor, Hsun Tang, came to the throne under the regency of Prince Chun, Yuan, presumably because he has gained such a control of the army, was dismissed in disgrace, although nominally on pretext of "cur-

When the anti-Manchu rebellion broke out in October, 1911, the Manchu regency, in despair, urged Yuan to return. The latter replied that his leg was not yet well, but when given authority as supreme commander of all forces of the North, he accepted. He also became the first premier of the "responsible cabinet" which the regency offered the rebels as a concession of peace. But neither the rebels nor Yuan were satisfied. The abdication of the Manchu rulers was forced, and the boy emperor, at the dictation of Yuan Shi-kai, authorized the pre-mier or organize with the rebel leaders at Nanking a Republican form of government.

Sun Yat-sen, the "-ovisional president of the southern rebels, was forced Provisional president of the Chinese Republic at Nanking on February 15. 1915. He took the oath of office at Peking the following month.

passed oper the right arm, bruising final influence will be most detrimental to the city for generations to washington, Dec. 11—President come. The service is held at 10:45 a. Washington, Dec. 11—President come temperatures and fresh much list home in the Emergency ambular temperatures and fresh much listed."

BATCHELLER CO. SUPERINTENDENT

Has Third Auto Accident in Two Years—Drives Away With Victim.

HIM WITHOUT BAIL

Other Collision Resulted Fatally - Today's May Have Same Ending.

Albert U. Langenegger, superintendent of the George C. Batcheller Co., resident of the Chinese republic, has of this city, living at 1865 Park avenue, is again registered with the police department as a result of an automobile accident that occurred at North and Clinton avenues, at 12:46 this morning, when he was in collision with Otls Hungerford, 779 Cleveland

avenue, riding a motorcycle.
Police, to whom the affair was reported by telephone, have not been able to ascertain the victim's condition and had to search for Langenneger and the injured man by descriptions furnished by witnesses near the scene at the time of the crash.

When located on the telephone a o'clock this afternoon Langenneger admitted that he had been in colli-sion and said that he had taken the injured man to his home and sum-moned medical aid. He has not as yet clearly explained to the police why he had not reported the incident. hoodoo that has pursued him

has already caused the death of two persons, and he was twice held upon charges of manslaughter. Coroner John Phelan exonerated him from criminal responsibility both times. On August 24, 1913, a car driven by killed Talmadge Downs Haviland, aged 10, son of Clerk William T. Haviland of the superior court.

On July 7, 1914, his car killed Isaac Zalkind, a tailor living at 395 Madison The police allege that in all three cases he failed to make report of the

affairs until traced by detectives. He will be held without bonds pending an investigation of the condition of Hungerford, who has not been treated by the city physicians or taken to a hospital though telephone calls from the vicinity summoned the ambulance

the emergency staff summoned to the quest of Emperor William who per

Dr. D. B. Wason, who treated the injured man, reported that Hunger; ford is suffering from a severe frac ture of the left shoulder blade and abrasions of the head and eye. chest is severely crushed and he has a possible puncture of his right lung. He probably will be removed to a hospital tonight.

HINCKS ESTATE IS INVENTORIED AT \$165,354.82

Bridgeport Manufacturer Worth \$110,000.

An inventory of the estate or Enoch P. Hincks, filed in the probate court today, shows \$165,354.82. this amount \$110,000 is in realty holdings. The remainder is in personal ings. The remainder is in personal estate. The inventory was filed today by Willis H. Lyon, John W. Banks and Frank D. Bell, appraisers. The of the Italian steamer Ancona and re-Cannon wreet, \$87,000; property at Washington avenue and James street,

His personal estate is represented as follows: 50 shares New Haven railroad, \$3.768.75; 80 shares U. S. Steel prd., \$9,260; 45 shares Realty association, \$4,275; 32 snares First-Bridgeport National bank stock, \$5,760; eshares, American Telegraph and Telephone Co., \$8,200; 30 shares The Electris Co., pfd., \$2,970: 850 shares, The Ams Palace Horse Car Co., \$850; 10 shares, Swift & Co., \$2 560; 160 shares, in the buildings here, as well as vir-White Mfg. Co., \$3,000: 40 shares, Bridgeport Gas Light Co., \$6,400; half iterest in note \$5.000 automobile,\$500; furniture and clothing, \$750; cash in People's Saving bank, \$1,526.78; First- Daughters of The Bridgeport National bank, \$384.29. His heirs, among whom the proper is divided, are his widow, Cornelia Hincks; daughters, Mrs. James G.

receives a bequest. Kaiser William will go to Prussia tomorrow for a three-day visit.

Ludlum, Mrs. Samuel Hawley: his son,

H. W. Hincks: Mrs. H. W. Hincks, J.

GALICIA CAPI

Petrograd Hears That Central Powers Are Withdrawing Army From Lemberg — Austrian Aeroplane Drops Shells on Ancona, Italy-Allied Chiefs Complete Plans for Campaign.

Petrograd, Dec. 11-A report that the Austrians and Germans are evacuating Lemberg, capital of Galicia, was received here today from Kiev.

Austrian Aero Shells Ancona

Ancona, Italy, Dec. 11-Austrian aeroplanes flew over this city this afternoon and dropped bombs, which killed two people and injured several others. No material damage was done.

Allies Arrange New Campaign

Paris, Dec. 11-Questions of an urgent character relating to the conduct of the war were settled on the basis of a complete understanding today at a conference of representatives of France and England. Premier Briand and War Secretary Gallienia acted for France and Foreign Secretary Grey and War-Secretary Kitchener for Great Britain.

SAFE CONDUCT FOR ATTACHES

Secretary Lansing to Visit Allies' Embassies in Behalf of Germans.

Lansing will ask Great Britain and France, through their embassies here arily, corps and stated that the injured man was in a most serious condition.

The information received by the police was furnished by Dr. Beaudry of embassy here, pursuant to the remainder of the condition of the con in ancient classics. Yuan utterly failed in one of those government tests at which thousands of aspirants are closeted for three days undergoing motorcycle rider from beneath the classics. Scene. He found a motorcycle rider from beneath the drawal of the attaches has cent in the number of a car, the occupants of which had hastily taken the closeted for three days undergoing motorcycle rider from beneath the drawal of the attaches has cent in the number of a car, the occupants of which had hastily taken the drawal of the attaches has cent in the number of a car, the occupants of the attaches

pledging themselves not to participate in the European war. Officials of the German embassy, however, are said to believe it proper to ask for safe conduct for the attaches without qualification, because their successors would remove two fighting officers

from Germany. Officials were plainly gratified today over the outcome of a situation Allies are still faking back, but with-which had apparently been fraught out suffering the losses endured in the with serious difficulties. As a result Secretary Lansing now is free to again attacked the rearguards repeatedly. take up negotiations with Germany Paris reports that in the actions the for settlement of the Lusitania con-troversy and the cases of other for-pursuers by their artillery fire. diplomatic and consular offic-it is expected that the case of ander Von Nuber, Austrian consulars at New York, will be the first Alexander Von Nuber, Austrian consul general at New York, will be the first to be acted upon.

Realty Holdings of Late VIENNARECEIVES PROTEST OF U.S. **ON ANCONA LOSS**

property holdings consist of the build paration for American lives lost on that vessel reached the Austrian for and Cannon streets, valued at \$57,000: eign office at Vienna yesterday. The and Cannon streets, valued at \$57,000; eign office at Vienna yesterday. The factory building extending 71 feet text will be given out by the state take refuge under the gurs of the from Broad street on the south side or department here for publication in fleet.

> Second Mapleleaf Plant Destroyed

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 11-The local rejected when called for active serplant of the Mapleleaf Milling Co., vice. whose plant at St. Catherine's was burned a few days ago, was also burned. The stock, valued at \$50,000, tually the entire plant is said by the company to be a total loss is a suspicion of incendiarism.

Confederacy Will Preserve "Rebel Yell"

Austin, Tex., Dec. 11-Preservation G. Ludlum and Samuel M. Hawley. of the famous "Rebel yell' for pos-The First Congregational church also terity was authorized yesterday by the terity was authorized yesterday by the face, eyes and a possible fracture of annual convention of the Texas division, Daughters of the Confederacy. by a group of Confederate veterans. | was stopped by a policeman.

GREEK GOVERNMENT READY TO DEMOBOLIZE

Athens, Dec. 11.—The Greek government has made all arrangements for demobilization of the army. It is expected a decree to this effect will be issued shortly.

The French minister had his second conference of this week with King Constantine this morning. Subsequent ly, the ministers of the entente powers called on Premier Skouloudis. learned on good authority that energentic representations were made for the purpose of inducing Greece to has-ten action in regard to the facilities demanded for the allied troops at Saloniki.

A decisive move on the part of the Greek goverment is expected moment-

TEUTONS HAVE MILLION MEN IN THE BALKANS

premier, M. Radoslavoff, stated in mi interview that the central powers have over a million men at their disposal in the Balkans," says a despatch to the Central News Agency from Am-

ATTACKED BY U-BOAT

Marseilles, Dec. 11. the French steamer Harmonie, which has arrived here, state that the vessel was attacked recently by an Austrian submarine. The submersible fired two torpedoes, without effect and then Next day the Harmonie withdrew. was attacked by an aeroplane that flew above the steamer for a quarter of an hour and dropped six bombs, all of which fell into the sea.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK London, Dec. 11 .- The British steamship Busieris, 21,750 to gross, has been sunk. Her crew was landed.

ALLIES ARE CONTINUING RETREAT FROM BALKANS

London, Dec. 11-The latest mews from the Balkans indicates that the first day's reterat when the Bulgarians

by two divisions of German troops. Later reports, however, state that this important position is not yet within the range of the invaders' guns. Glevgell is on the Greek frontier near the Vardar river and commands the rail-road north from Saloniki. The town first came into prominence during the present war as headquarters of the typhus hospital of Dr. James F. Donnelly, of New York, who died in Nish

n February.
The diplomatic negotimions with Greece seem no nearer settlement, although the retreat of the allied troops

the plan of the Earl of Derby finds no diminution of the crowds that throng the recruiting stations. The rush for medical examination has become as By \$50,000 Fire perfunctory as the signing the rethose who have come forward will be

also Pilot of Runaway Horse Is Thrown Off Seat and Hurt

A delivery wagon driven by Harry Silver, aged 17, of 274 Smith street, was damaged and Silver was painfully injured at 11 o'clock today when the horse attached to the wagon took fright at an obstacle in the roadway on Park Terrace. During the runaway Silva was thrown over the dashboard and received abrasions on the He was treated at the emergency hospital and later was tak-It is proposed to have records made en to his home. The runsway home